

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, January 11, 2016.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of residents Edward F. Pray, Itsy Kliman and Kenneth Reigner, and former residents Joanne Scott Kennedy, James W. Hughes and Rayetta K. Henson. Mr. Herling then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Putens moved that the consent agenda be approved. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session #1, November 16, 2015

Work Session #2, November 16, 2015

Work Session, November 30, 2015

Work Session, December 9, 2015

Approved as presented.

Committee Reports: Council accepted the Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2016-1 (Grant Proposals – 2016).

Advisory Planning Board Resolution for Departure #15-002-DPLS: Council adopted the Advisory Planning Board Resolution for Departure Application #1515-002-DPLS.

Reappointments to Advisory Groups: Council reappointed Jacquelyn Carrington to a new term on the Community Relations Advisory Board and Pamela Gregory to a new term on the Board of Elections.

Resignation from Advisory Group: Council accepted the resignation of Sherry Burks from the Community Relations Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Putens that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Nicole Williams, Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, announced that the Club had presented the City with a check for \$370 for the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund. Council expressed its appreciation to the Club, as well as other organizations, which had made contributions to the fund.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, inquired about past executive sessions of Council regarding annexation and acquisition of real property.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Minutes – Executive Session of November 16, 2015: Ms. Davis moved that Council approve the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, November 16, 2015, at 7:04 p.m., in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(3) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, to consult with legal counsel regarding the acquisition of real property.

Mr. Herling seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. McLaughlin announced that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service events will be held on Monday, January 18, at Buddy Attick Park and Greenbelt National Park.

Mr. McLaughlin also announced that a Darkness to Light training session will be held on Tuesday, January 19th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Greenbelt Authorizing the Acquisition by Negotiated Purchase of Certain Real Property Known as 10-A Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland Which is Needed for a Public Purpose, Namely a Museum, for an Amount Not to Exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) Plus Related Costs

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the ordinance for first reading.

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Canine Turf for the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and the Greenbelt Dog Park from East Coast Surfacing of Rock Hall, Maryland at a Cost of \$20,940

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for first reading.

AMERICAN CHESTNUT FOUNDATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved that Council refer the American Chestnut Foundation Grant Opportunity to the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) for their study and evaluation and request that they contact the Forest Preserve Advisory Board for its input. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

STATE LEGISLATION – PG 404 COUNTY DISPOSAL BAG FEE: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Herling moved to support PG 404-16. Ms. Pope seconded.

Mr. Roberts said he wants the use of plastic bags banned and would not support the bill.

Ms. Pope asked how the bag fee will affect consumers and Mr. Putens asked what retail establishments will provide free for consumers to transport their goods. Ms. Davis noted that this is enabling legislation only that would allow for the County to impose a fee on the retail establishments for the use of disposable plastic bags.

After further discussion, Ms. Davis moved that Council table this item to the next meeting and requested staff obtain further information on the bill from Senator Pinsky, the bill's sponsor. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

Windsor Green Board of Directors Holiday Open House – Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens

Beltway Plaza Merchants Association Coffee – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach and Ms. Pope

City Holiday Party - Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens

Combined Properties Brunch with Santa – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens

Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (COG) Policy Advisory Group to COG Board of Directors on Greenhouse Gas – Ms. Mach

Delegate Washington's Color and Class Town Hall Meeting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens

Shop with a Cop – Ms. Pope

Zero Waste Advocacy Group Meeting – Mr. Herling

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Holiday Event – Ms. Davis and Mr. Putens

Greenbelt Middle School Literacy Day December Showcase – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

County Council Member Turner's Holiday Breakfast – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

COG Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee Conference Call – Ms. Davis

Senator Rosapepe's Winter Brunch – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis

Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Reception at University College – Mayor Jordan

Prince George's County Education Association Annual Legislative Breakfast – Mayor Jordan

COG Joint Meeting with Greater Washington Board of Trade – Mayor Jordan

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, January 11, 2016, at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held January 11, 2016."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor